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William J. Casey, Director of Central Intelligence  
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Dear Mr. Casey,

We are writing to apologize for the abuse you so patiently bore at the hands of organized hecklers during your speech at Brown University on October 15. The behavior of this malevolent minority was a profound embarrassment to us as members of the Brown University community. Please do not feel that the behavior exhibited and the sentiments expressed by this group of people are representative of the community as a whole. The majority of students behave courteously in educational forums, controversial or otherwise. The shameful display you suffered was the regrettable exception.

We as individuals may disagree with some of our government's policies, but only in the spirit of the analysts you described, whose dissent is inspired by their conception of national interests. The disrespectful disagreement imposed upon the proceedings inhibited the constructive exchange of views. We wish to declare our indignation against it and dissociate the greater Brown University community from it.

Please do not let this incident indelibly color your opinion of Brown University.

Sincerely,

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